



# LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

## 2024 Howland’s Landing Layover Race

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Saturday and Sunday**

**October 12 and 13, 2024**

Sponsored by  
Los Angeles Yacht Club  
285 Whalers Walk  
San Pedro, California 90731  
[www.LAYC.org](http://www.LAYC.org)  
310-831-1203

The 2023 Howland’s Landing Layover Race is presented by the Los Angeles Yacht Club, the organizing authority for the regatta.

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the “rules” as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS), except as modified by this notice of race and the sailing instructions. Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, as effective March 1, 2023, is recommended. ([Safety Equipment Requirements - Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf](#)).
- 1.2 Use of winches that are operated using stored power is allowed. This modifies RRS 52.
- 1.3 The discarding of biodegradable sail stops when setting sail is permitted. This modifies RRS 55.
- 1.4 The Los Angeles and Long Beach main channels are considered narrow channels. Per Inland Navigation Rules, Rule 9, sailing vessels and any vessels attempting to cross these channels shall not impede a vessel that can only safely navigate within a narrow channel. Competitors are requested to observe Rule 9.
- 1.5 Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part, reads “...When vessels in sight of one another are approaching each other ... and either vessel ... is in doubt whether sufficient action is being taken by the other to avoid collision, the vessel in doubt shall immediately indicate such doubt by giving at least five short and rapid blasts on the horn.” Any boat participating in the Howland’s Landing Layover race that is identified in any complaint from the Coast Guard, Harbor, Pilot, or a Commercial Vessel Captain that has warned that participating boat by sounding five horns will be presumed to have infringed this instruction and may be scored DSQ without a hearing. This modifies RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5.

## 2. Schedule of Events

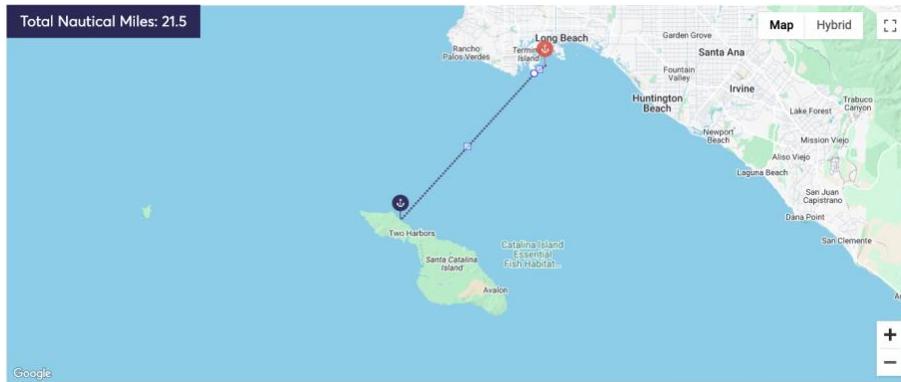
Friday, October 13	Arrival, Rigging, and Tuning	All Day
<b>Race 1: From San Pedro to Howland’s Landing</b>		
Saturday, October 14	Competitor’s Briefing	0900
	Class A Warning	1155
	Class A Start/Class B Warning	1200
	Class B Start	1205
	Dinner Shuttle service begins	1745
	Howland’s Layover BBQ	1800
	Last shuttle leaves	2100
<b>Race 2: From Howland’s Landing to San Pedro</b>		
Sunday, October 15	Class A Warning	1155
	Class A Start/Class B Warning	1200
	Class B Start	1205
	Trophy Presentation	~1800

## 3. Check-in and Retirement

- 3.1 When the Race Committee boat is anchored on station, code flag “L” will be displayed, each boat shall pass astern of the race committee boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 3.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee at the very first safe opportunity after retiring. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 71. The Race Committee can also be reached at (Sean McGillen, PRO, LA Harbor) 213-239-3650 or (Tom Trujillo, PRO, Howland’s Landing), 213-500-3435 for voice or text communications. An alternate number for LAYC communications during working hours is 310-831-1203.

## 4. Courses

- 4.1 Race 1 – The course for Race 1 is 21.5 miles. The starting area for race 1 will be in the vicinity of Los Angeles Harbor approximately 1 – 1.5 nautical miles *northeast* of the Los Angeles Harbor entrance in the inside middle breakwater area east of Pier 400. The finish area for race 1 will be off Howland’s Landing, Catalina Island.
- 4.2 Race 2 – The course for Race 2 is 21.5 nautical miles. The starting area for race 2 will be in a similar location to the finish area for race 1 off Howland’s Landing, Catalina Island. The finish line is in the same vicinity as the starting area for race 1.



## 5. Starts

- 5.1 All starts are governed by Rule 26.
- 5.2 The starting line will be between a staff supporting an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange flag on a pin on the port end of the line.
- 5.3 The order of starts will be PHRF Class A first, followed by PHRF Class B. The starting signal for Class A is the warning signal for Class B.
- 5.4 The class flag for PHRF Class A is a blue flag with the white letter “A”. The class flag for PHRF Class B is a blue flag with the white letter “B”. Yachts are NOT required to fly their respective class flags from the backstay.
- 5.5 An attention signal consisting of multiple short sounds will be given one minute prior to the first warning. Code flag “L” will be removed at the attention signal.
- 5.6 Boats that do not start within 15 minutes after their class’s starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 5.7 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled boats by hailing their name and/or sail number over VHF channel 71. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress. A boat’s position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 6. Finishes

- 6.1 Race 1 – The finish line will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a mark to port of the signal boat in the vicinity of Howland’s Landing on Catalina Island.
- 6.2 Race 2 - The finish line is between a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange flag on a pin in the same vicinity as the starting area for race 1.

## 7. Protests

- 7.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee and identify the boats involved by email promptly after finishing to Tom Trujillo at [tomtrujillo@me.com](mailto:tomtrujillo@me.com) or text 213-500-3545 or Sean McGillen at [seanmcg23@gmail.com](mailto:seanmcg23@gmail.com) or text 213-239-3650.
- 7.2 Protests shall be written on Hearing Request forms available at the Los Angeles Yacht Club front desk on Sunday and aboard both committee boats on Saturday. Protests must be filed within one hour after the last boat finishes. Forms may also be obtained on the US Sailing website at: [US Sailing - Official Hearing Request Form \(PDF\)](#)

7.3 The Protest Committee will arrange a time and date to hear all protests and whether they will be live or virtual.

## 8. Radio Communications.

8.1 The race committee intends to monitor VHF Channel 71. Skippers are required to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF Channel 71.

8.2 The Race Committee may use VHF Channel 71 to broadcast information such as location of Signal Boat, sail numbers and/or names of boats recalled, change of course, etc. Failure to receive or hear such radio transmissions will not be grounds for redress (RRS 62).

## 9. Scoring.

The Low Point system of Appendix A applies. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A yacht’s series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no “throw out” race. This modifies RRS A.2.

## 9. Trophies.

Trophies for the event will be awarded to the top 3 corrected time finishes in each PHRF Class.

## 10. Hospitality

10.1 Please see the [Saturday Night Hospitality Document](#) (at the link to the left) which is also available on the [2024 Howland’s Layover Race Website Documents Page](#).

## 11. Disclaimer of Liability

11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. This disclaimer is acknowledged by the skipper’s entry form.

### Principal Race Officers

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